

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE INDIANAPOLIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN INDIANAPOLIS	DATE 8/12/83	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/14/83 - 8/12/83
TITLE OF CASE <del>UNSUB(S); WILMA RUDOLPH - VICTIM</del>		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED BY [redacted]
CHARACTER OF CASE DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING MATTER			

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## REFERENCE:

Indianapolis FD-610 to Director, dated 7/20/83.

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INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

At Indianapolis, Indiana

Interview [redacted] 6210 North Knyghton Road,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.FD-31  
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN
CONVIC.	PRETRIAL DIVERSION	WUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR
							<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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**Report of:** SA [redacted]  
**Date:** August 14, 1983

**Office:** Indianapolis

**Field Office File #:** 177B-133

**Bureau File #:**

**Title:** UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);  
WILMA RUDOLPH - VICTIM

**Character:** DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING MATTER

**Synopsis:** On 7/12/83, Detective [redacted] Marion County Sheriff's Department, Indianapolis, Indiana, notified the Indianapolis Office that on the night of 7/10-11/83, someone applied a chemical agent on the front lawn at the residence of Wilma Rudolph. The manner in which it was applied etched the word "Niggers" into the lawn. Each letter is approximately four feet high. On 7/18/83, photographs taken of the damage and word etched in the lawn. Wilma Rudolph and [redacted] [redacted], interviewed and could offer no known reason for the act against them. When complaint to the Marion County Sheriff's Department originally made, it was also noted that on 7/2/83, Wilma Rudolph's [redacted] was working on a car at that address and three white males drove by several times and asked questions as to the ownership of the white car. Their remarks apparently had racial overtones. They were driving a light-colored Ford Mustang. No information has been developed concerning teenagers in the area having access to a light-colored Mustang. It is noted that the intersection of 62nd and Knyghton Road is heavily traveled and the driveway of the residence is highly visible to all passers-by. They have not received any telephone calls or letters from anyone claiming responsibility for the act. Neighborhood investigation conducted with negative results. Detective [redacted] Marion County Sheriff's Department, advised he had not developed any information concerning the matter. Daniel J. Dunbar, Chief of Police, Castleton Police Department, Indianapolis, Indiana, explained

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he was also Director, Northeast Security Company, and advised that personnel of the security company patrol the Devonshire area two to three times during the night, however, the officer on duty that night did not notice any unusual activity in that area on that particular date. Wilma Rudolph is not a member of the association which would bring her residence under the security of the Northeast Security Company, however, had one of their officers observed any criminal activity, appropriate action would have been taken and the appropriate law enforcement agency notified. His officers were advised to be alert for any information concerning the situation. Contact with the neighborhood association to alert their members for any information has been fruitless to date.

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On July 13, 1983, Detective [redacted] Marion County Sheriff's Department, Indianapolis, Indiana, advised that he received the telephone call concerning the incident that occurred at the residence of Wilma Rudolph, 6210 North Knyghton Road, Indianapolis, Indiana. He further advised that he has been unable to make contact with Ms. Rudolph due to her busy schedule and to date had not been able to develop any information as to the perpetrators of the act. Detective [redacted] advised that should he determine who applied the chemical agent to the lawn of Wilma Rudolph, he would contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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On July 18, 1983, color photos were taken of the yard located at 6210 North Knyghton Road at the residence of Wilma Rudolph.

The above photographs were of the word "niggers" written on the lawn with a substance that had killed the grass, thus forming the letters. The writing was approximately 35 feet long with letter height varying between four and six feet tall. It should also be noted the letter "i" was dotted upside down.

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Date of transcription 8/12/83

[redacted] 6210 North Knyghton Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, was interviewed at her residence at which time she advised the following:

She and her children live with [redacted] Wilma Rudolph, the former Olympic athlete. [redacted] uses the name [redacted] for business purposes. She is [redacted] for [redacted] the Wilma Rudolph Foundation, 850 North Meridian, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Wilma Rudolph and Associates, same address.

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They have lived at this address for close to one year and have had no other such problems except that on July 2, 1983, three white males in a light-colored Mustang drove by and made some racially oriented statements to [redacted] while [redacted] was working on a car. There has been no other such incident.

[redacted] advised she is shocked because they have never had such a problem before.

[redacted] was unable to furnish any positive information concerning the incident or the identity of the perpetrators. [redacted] stated she would make arrangements for [redacted] to be interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation when she returned from a trip to Clarksville, Tennessee.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name [redacted] also known as [redacted]

Address 6210 North Knyghton Road,  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Telephone  
Office telephone  
Date of birth  
SSAN

[redacted] (voluntarily furnished  
for identification purposes only)  
5'9" tall  
130 pounds

Height  
Weight

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 7/22/83

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Hair  
Eyes  
Education  
  
Arrests  
Marital status  
Children

Employment

Black  
Brown  
One year college at [redacted]  
[redacted], Tennessee, 1965.

None  
Widow

[redacted]  
[redacted] for the Wilma Rudolph Foundation and [redacted]  
for Wilma Rudolph and Associates (which handles her endorsements, lectures, and other matters.)

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Ms. Wilma Rudolph, 6210 North Knyghton Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, was interviewed at her residence at which time she advised the following:

She did not know anything had been done to the yard until July 11, 1983. To her knowledge the word "Niggers" was not etched in her yard on or before July 10, 1983. It appears that on the night of July 10-11, 1983, someone applied a chemical agent to the grass on her lawn, which runs along Knyghton Road. The letters were approximately four feet high and each line is approximately four inches wide.

Ms. Rudolph has lived at that residence for approximately one year with [redacted] who for business purposes uses the name [redacted]. Ms. Rudolph is divorced and lives there with her three children, together with [redacted] (divorced), who has three children.

None of the children have related any confrontations they may have had while attending local schools and there have been no previous acts of vandalism or threatening letters received by anyone at that residence.

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Mr. Rudolph reported the incident to the Marion County Sheriff's Department. She also reported that on July 2, 1983, at approximately 2:00 PM, [redacted] was working on a car at the same address and at that time three white males, appearing to be in their teens, drove by several times and asked questions as to the ownership of the white car. Their remarks apparently had racial overtones. The three males were driving a light-colored Ford Mustang.

Ms. Rudolph advised that [redacted] was out of town at the present time but would return Tuesday or Wednesday, July 19 or 20, 1983, and could be interviewed at that time.

Mr. Rudolph stated they have not had any problems with the neighbors and she has no idea who would have done such an act. No one in the household awoke during the night and their dog did not even bark.

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A representative of the Devonshire Neighborhood Association and [redacted] Church of the Savior United Methodist, 5400 East 62nd Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, have contacted Ms. Rudolph and offered financial assistance in repairing the lawn.

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The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	Wilma Rudolph
Address	<u>6210 North Knyghton Road,</u> <u>Indianapolis, Indiana</u>
Telephone number	251-5688
Business telephone	634-4543
Date of birth	June 23, 1940
SSAN	<u>410-72-3074</u> (voluntarily furnished for identification purposes only)
Height	6'0" tall
Weight	140 pounds
Sex	Female
Race	Black
Education	Completed Tennessee State University on 1963
Arrests	None
Marital status	Divorced
Children	[redacted]
Other children at residence	[redacted] or friends). [redacted] who has lived with the Rudolphs for about one year; [redacted] female, [redacted] [redacted] staying for the summer Head of the Wilma Rudolph Foundation (a nonprofit organization) and Wilma Rudolph and Associates (which handles her endorsements, lectures, and other matters).
Employment	

[redacted] On July 18, 1983, [redacted]  
[redacted] Indianapolis, Indiana, advised they have lived at that address for approximately one year and know that the Wilma Rudolph family lives across the street from them. She advised that children who live there use their basketball basket on occasion and to her knowledge there has been no difficulty with them in the neighborhood. She stated that she was aware of the word printed in the lawn which faces Knyghton Road because she takes a walk every morning and noticed it.

Concerning the possibility that she or someone else in the household was awakened on the night of July 10, 11, 1983, she responded in the negative. She explained that they have learned to tune out the traffic noise in that it is a busy intersection. Her husband never mentioned anything and she was sure he would if he had heard something.

[redacted] advised that she knows no one in the area who are in their teens and have access to a light-colored Mustang. She further advised that if, in her walks in the area, she notices such a vehicle, she would notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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[redacted]  
Indianapolis, Indiana, advised that she was unaware of the incident involving a word etched in the lawn of the Rudolph family, who live directly behind her. She further advised that to her knowledge, there have been no problems in the neighborhood relative to their moving in, however, would be alert for any pertinent information.

[redacted] stated that the Northeast Security Company has a security service which covers the Devonshire area and they might be aware of information concerning the incident.

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[redacted]  
Indianapolis, Indiana, advised that they were out of town from July 3 through July 16, 1983, and had no idea that such an incident had happened. She advised that if she heard anything concerning the incident, she would contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Chief Daniel J. Dunbar, Castleton Police Department, and Director of Northeast Security, Incorporated, 6740 Cresco, Indianapolis, Indiana, advised that officers of the Northeast Security organization patrol the Devonshire area every day and two or three times during the night hours as many residents of the area are members and as such, the corporation runs security checks on the members' residences. He advised he was aware of the word being etched in the lawn of the Wilma Rudolph residence. Wilma Rudolph is not a member of the neighborhood association nor has she availed herself to the services of the security service, however, if such an act was observed by one of the patrolmen, he would have taken the appropriate action and notified the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction of the area. Chief Dunbar advised he received word from the Marion County Sheriff's Department concerning the incident as the Sheriff's Department is aware that Northeast Security does patrol the area and has assisted in other matters in the past.

Chief Dunbar advised that the intersection of 62nd and Knyghton Road is very heavily traveled as it is a short cut between two busy thoroughfares and the position of the driveway at 6210 Knyghton Road is such that anyone in the driveway is very visible to those traveling that short cut.

Chief Dunbar advised that all his officers are aware of the situation and will be alert concerning any information that might be pertinent as to the perpetrators of the act.

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[redacted] On July 19, 1983,

[redacted] Indianapolis, Indiana, advised that he was not aware of anything having been printed in the yard of his next door neighbor. He explained that although the Wilma Rudolph family lives next door to him, he and his wife seldom if ever leave via heading south from their driveway. His business necessitates his traveling north and they very seldom have the occasion to go south and had not known of anything etched in the grass.

To his knowledge, there had been no problems in the neighborhood concerning them moving in the area. [redacted] advised that their lights are on until the late hours and there is a lot of activity but with all the school age children who live there and the traveling that Wilma Rudolph does, that is to be expected.

[redacted] advised that he would contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation if he heard anything concerning the incident.

[redacted] On July 19, 1983, [redacted]  
[redacted] Indianapolis, Indiana, advised that neither she nor her family were aware that anything had been printed into anyone's yard with chemicals. She advised that after midnight, 62nd Street is lightly traveled. She stated that she was aware of who Wilma Rudolph was and was shocked that anyone would do such a thing. [redacted] stated that if she became aware of any information concerning who would have committed the act, she would contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation right away.

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On July 28 1983 [redacted]

[redacted] Indianapolis, Indiana, advised that she was the neighbor who brought the situation to the attention of the Rudolph family. The front lawn of 6210 North Knyghton Road is directly across from their residence and it was in the late afternoon of July 11, 1983, that she first noticed what had been done to the grass. [redacted] advised that they do have a dog that would have barked if someone had been working in the Rudolph's yard; if it was late at night or very early morning hours, she and her husband would have been in bed and they have a room air-conditioner in their bedroom and would possibly not have heard the dog bark. She added that the other possibility was that the individuals(s) walked to the yard and had parked their car down the block, especially if they knew there was a neighbor's dog that would bark.

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[redacted] advised that after she observed the word in the yard, she went over and knocked on the door of the Rudolph residence. One of the youngsters, [redacted] answered and she showed him what was printed in the yard. Later on she talked to Wilma's elder son.

[redacted] advised she did not know of anyone in the neighborhood who had access to a Mustang and had teenagers who would be driving it. She is a member of the Devonshire Neighborhood Association and they have let Ms. Wilma Rudolph know they are willing to furnish some financial assistance concerning the repair of the yard that has been damaged.

[redacted] advised that if she learns of any information concerning the incident, she would immediately contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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[redacted] On July 29, 1983, [redacted]  
Indianapolis, Indiana, was telephonically contacted as he is  
[redacted] Devonshire Neighborhood Association  
which offered financial aid to the Rudolph family in the  
effort to repair the damaged lawn. He was advised that  
they had a gardener who would be doing the work.

[redacted] advised he has teenage children who  
would probably know if any other teenagers in the area who  
might be inclined to do such a thing, however, they have  
not mentioned anyone so to his knowledge, they have no  
idea who may have committed the act. [redacted] stated  
that as an active member in the neighborhood association,  
he would be alert to any information concerning the incident  
and report any positive information to the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation.

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Date: 8/11/83

To: Director, FBI  
 (Attn: Photographic Processing Unit, Rm. 1B903)

From: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (177B-133) (P)

Subject: UNSUB(S)  
WILMA RUDOLPH - VICTIM  
DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING MATTER

1. ENCLOSED PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK RELATES TO:  
 Current Investigation    Mug Shot    Other

## 2. ENCLOSURE(S)

## Film To Be Processed

Size	Color	B&W	Quantity
4x5			
135			
126			
120			
Slides			

## Movie Film or Microfilm

Size	Color	B&W	Quantity
16mm			
35mm			
8(super)			
70mm			
AHU			

## Negatives To Be Printed

Size	Color	B&W	Quantity
8x10			
4x5			
135	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		2
120			
126			
220			
110			

## 3. WORK REQUESTED

## Processing

- Process only
- Process & make print
- Process & make contact print
- Slides to be processed
- Slides to be duplicated
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## Prints To Be Made

(From 135, 126, and 110)

3½x5    5x7  
 4 # prints from each frame

Color    B&W

(From 120 and 4x5)

4x5    8x10  
 \_\_\_\_\_ # prints from each frame

Color    B&W

## Prints To Be Made

(Prints from slides)

3½x5  
 5x7  
 8x10

## Custom Prints

(From any size negative or slide)

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_  
 Size \_\_\_\_\_  
 Color    B&W

Film rec'd &amp; ret'd with

Initials

## 4. REMARKS

(include trial date or other mandatory deadline and any other specific instructions)

"Photographic Unit develop and print four (4) copies of each exposure and forward to Civil Rights Unit, FBIHQ." *1111-6080-*

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4 photos - SAC, IP  
 2 photos - CEN  
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Letter Dated: August 23, 1983  
To: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (177B-133)  
Subject: UNSUB(S);  
WILMA RUDOLPH - VICTIM;  
DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING MATTER  
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Fig. 1. A photograph of a landscape taken from a distance of about 100 m. The photograph was taken with a Polaroid camera and processed with a Polaroid film processor.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 20/83

FROM: SAC, Indianapolis (177B-133) ATTENTION: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT

Initial submission \_\_\_\_\_ supplemental submission \_\_\_\_\_ revision

File No: 177B-133 (include alpha)3. Status: P (P - pending, P\* - pending inactive, C - closed, RUC - referred upon completion)4. Title:  
UNSUB (S);  
WILMA RUDOLPH - VICTIM  
POSSIBLE DISCRIMINATION IN  
HOUSING MATTER*JN/*

Re:

5. If Title changed, show previous Title:

6. TYPE OF CASE: (check one)

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B. <input type="checkbox"/> CRA64-E	E. <input type="checkbox"/> CRA64-PF	H. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIH	K. <input type="checkbox"/> ISS
C. <input type="checkbox"/> CRA64-PA	F. <input type="checkbox"/> CREL	I. <input type="checkbox"/> ECOA	L. <input type="checkbox"/> PRV. ACT - CRIM.

7. AGENCY TYPE: (check one)

A. <input type="checkbox"/> City-County Jail	F. <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff's Office
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Agency	G. <input type="checkbox"/> State Police - Hwy Patrol
C. <input type="checkbox"/> Police Department	H. <input type="checkbox"/> Other
D. <input type="checkbox"/> Prison/Penitentiary	I. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not pertinent
E. <input type="checkbox"/> Private Security	

8. AGENCY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (20) STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ (use 2-char. abbrev.)  
(omit if "Not pertinent" checked above):

9. ACTION: UACB;

(check if applicable)    A.  LHM enclosed    C.  Report enclosed    E.  No further action being taken  
 B.  LHM being submitted    D.  Report being submitted    F.  FD-376 (enclosure to LHM)

10. Further action: A.  Investigation instituted  
 B.  Investigation continuing  
 C.  Investigation completed11. Copy of above submitted to: (check as many as applicable) CRIS

A. <input type="checkbox"/> USA	_____
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Secret Service	_____
C. <input type="checkbox"/> BATF	_____
D. _____	(15) (other - specify) _____

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**I. PURPOSE**

The FD-610 was designed to provide a complete set of pertinent facts for each Civil Rights case which can then be directly entered into a computer which will assist in a more effective, efficient and economical management of the Civil Rights Program. Each office **MUST** correctly complete **ALL** items requested on the form either on the initial submission or later by supplemental submission prior to the close of the case.

**II. WHEN TO SUBMIT**

The FD-610 is to be submitted in all cases supervised by the Civil Rights Unit, which include the following classifications: 44-CR; 50-ISS; 173-CRA 1964; 177-DIH; 187-Privacy Act of 1974-Criminal; 189-ECOA; 204-FRS; 214-CRIPA.

One function of the FD-610 is to replace the FD-365 in Civil Rights cases. It should be, in most cases, the initial communication advising FBIHQ of the initiation of an investigation, however, if the urgency of the situation requires a teletype the FD-610 should be submitted as soon as possible.

**III. DESCRIPTION AND REQUIREMENTS REGARDING ITEM #1 ON THE FD-610**

**Initial -** should be checked if it is the first FD-610 submitted in the case - every attempt should be made to provide all the information required on the form on the initial submission; however, the initial submission of the form should not be held in abeyance while awaiting data which will be obtained at a later date.

**Supplemental -** should be checked when providing data which was not available, and therefore was omitted from the FD-610 form(s) previously submitted.

**Revision -** should be checked in all instances wherein information previously provided by form FD-610 was incorrectly reported. When submitting revisions, provide data only in those items requiring a change.

**IV. \*Denotes items on the FD-610 which must be completed on the initial submission by the Field Office.**

F File # \_\_\_\_\_

Victim WILMA RUDOLPH

12. SUBJECTS (number): A. Amer. Indian Male Female  
 B. Asian Male Female  
 C. Black Male Female  
 D. Hispanic Male Female  
 E. White Male Female  
 F. X Other Male Female

If "Other" please specify: Unknown (15)

13. VICTIMS (number): A. Amer. Indian Male Female  
 B. Asian Male Female  
 C. 1 Black Male I Female  
 D. Hispanic Male Female  
 E. White Male Female  
 F. Other Male Female

If "Other" please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ (15)

14. Other descriptive data re victims: X not applicableIf applicable (number): A. under 18 C. handicapped  
 B. over 62 D. institutionalized

15. Matter type (use best description, check more than one if applicable):

A.  brutality type \_\_\_\_\_ (15) (i.e., shooting; beating)  
 B.  nonbrutality  
 C.  death of victim  
 D.  suicide method \_\_\_\_\_ (15) (i.e., hanging, slashed wrist)  
 E.  known extremist group type \_\_\_\_\_ (15) (i.e., Klan, Nazi, JDL)  
 F.  suspected ext. group type \_\_\_\_\_ (15) (i.e., Klan, Nazi, JDL)  
 G.  cross burning  
 H.  migrant victim  
 I.  violence to property type Chemical distributed on yard (15) (i.e., arson, shooting)  
 J.  ISS matter type \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e., peonage, enticement, servitude, other slavery)  
 K.  other explain \_\_\_\_\_ (25)

\*16. Synopsis of Complaint - Date of initial complaint 7/12/83, by Det. \_\_\_\_\_ Marion County  
 Sheriff's Depar. \_\_\_\_\_ b6  
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Wilma Rudolph made complaint to Sheriff's Department that on night of 7/10-11/83, someone applied a chemical agent on her front lawn in such a way as to form the word "Nigger." Wilma Rudolph also reported that on 7/2/83, at approximately 2:00 PM \_\_\_\_\_ was working on a car at same address, and at that time, three white males, appearing to be in their teens, drove by several times and asked questions as to the ownership of the white car. Their remarks apparently had racial overtones. The three white males were in a light colored Ford Mustang.

\*17. Indices: (check one)  negative.  positive (if positive explain in body of report/LHM) re Wilma Rudolph

Remarks/Administrative

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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 Attention: AUSA [redacted]  
 Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Indianapolis  
 Date: September 2, 1983  
 Field Office File #: IP 177A-133 Bureau File #:  
 Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(s);  
 WILMA RUDOLPH - VICTIM

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Character: CIVIL RIGHTS  
 DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING MATTER  
 Synopsis: Repeated attempts to arrange for interview of [redacted]  
 Wilma Rudolph and [redacted]  
 have been negative to date. AUSA [redacted]  
 Southern District of Indiana, Indianapolis, Indiana, advised  
 identification of unknown subject was doubtful and  
 prosecution would be questionable in view of the lack of  
 positive witnesses. No further investigation being  
 conducted.

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DETAILS:

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Numerous attempts have been made to arrange an appointment to interview [redacted] 6210 North Knyghton Road, Indianapolis, Indiana. Attempts to arrange interview of [redacted] have been made with Wilma Rudolph [redacted], and [redacted] [redacted] who lives at the same address; however, promises to phone the Indianapolis, Indiana office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with a specific date and time which would be convenient for [redacted] and [redacted] have been fruitless.

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[redacted] On September 2, 1983, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Southern District of Indiana, Indianapolis, Indiana, advised after review of this matter it did not appear that the unknown subject(s) could be identified and even if identified prosecution would be questionable due to the lack of positive witnesses. He would, therefore, decline prosecution and further investigation was not necessary.

Memorandum

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



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Subject:

Notice of File Closing  
CIVIL RIGHTS MATTER

Date:

DEC 21 1983

To:  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

WBP [redacted]  
DAR Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated 9/8/83  
forwarding a memorandum from your Indianapolis  
field office captioned as on the attached closing form. This  
matter has been closed as of the date on the attached form.

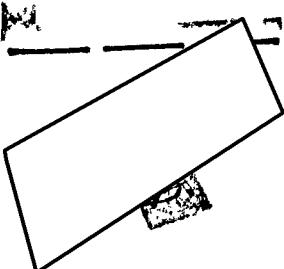
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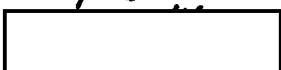
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CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Notice to Close File

DEC 21 1983

File No. DJ 175-26S-59 Date December 15, 1983

To: Chief, Criminal Section

Re: Unsub (s);  
Wilma Rudolph - Victim;  
CIVIL RIGHTS - Discrimination in Housing

It is recommended that the above case be closed for the following reasons:

On the night of July 10 - 11, 1983, unidentified individuals etched in the victim's front lawn the word, "nigger", making four foot high letters with some unidentified chemical agent. Interviews with the victim and her neighbors establish that the street in front of Ms. Rudolph's house is heavily traveled during much of the day. No one could recall seeing anything suspicious that evening or hearing any unusual noises in front of the Rudolph home. Ms. Rudolph and [redacted] have resided in that house for a year without incident. [redacted]

[redacted] apparently was the target of some racial comments while working in the driveway of the house on July 2, 1983. The [redacted] could only describe those individuals as three white males in a light colored Ford Mustang. Inquires in the neighborhood could not identify anyone having such a car.

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Recommendation

In the absence of any identifiable subjects or amplifying information from the victim, I recommend that this matter be closed. Significantly, the victim and [redacted] have provided no cooperation in arranging to make [redacted] available for FBI interviews. At the present there seems to be no basis for prosecution.  
[redacted]

To: Records Section  
Office of Legal Administration

The above numbered file has been closed as of this date.

Date

Chief,

Criminal

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